1. What do you think?

2. Vocabulary

*Fill in the blanks in the sentences below using words from the box.*

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1. The meeting takes place once a year. It is an annual meeting.

2. To *gathering* means to collect things or come together for a meeting.

3. *Switching* means changing from thing one to another.

4. Your *ranking* is your position – first, second, third etc.

5. A person who is a teacher in a college or university is called an *academic*.

6. Your *proficiency* is your skill or expertise. Basically, how good you are at doing something.

7. To change something so it is not accurate. The research results were *skewed* in order to support the medical companies wishes.

8. If you have an *alternative*, you have a choice.

9. This means involving the whole world. English is a *global* language.

10. In *decline* means going down in number or quality.